



Boston City Council
Committee on Public Safety
Stephen J. Murphy, Chair

December 8, 2010

Dear Councillors:

The Boston City Council's Committee on Public Safety to which was referred on October 27, 2010 and November 17, 2010:

Docket # 1479 - Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$96,250.00 from the Mass Dept. of Mental Health under the FY 2011-FY2012 Jail Diversion Program Grant.

Docket # 1545 - Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of One Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety's Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative Grant, for the purpose of supporting strategies to address youth, gang and gun violence.

Docket # 1549 - Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend the FY 2011 Funds to Increase Crash Reporting to Enhance Highway Safety Planning and Programming grant of \$287,500.00 from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security used to identify a sustainable, cost-effective process for transmitting crash reports to the Registry of Motor Vehicles in a timely fashion.

Docket # 1550 - Message and order authorizing the Mayor to accept and expend the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Federal FY 2007 Citizen Corp Program grant of \$13,800.00 to coordinate the involvement of community members and organizations in emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response and recovery.

Docket # 1551 - Message and order authorizing the City to accept and expend a grant of \$16,200.00 from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Citizen Corps Program (CCP) to coordinate the involvement of community members and organizations in emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response and recovery.

having considered the same, **I respectfully recommend that these matters ought to pass.**

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**2011 Boston Police Department/City of Boston Comprehensive Strategy To
Address Gang and Gun Violence: Shannon CSI**

Grant Program: Shannon Community Safety Initiative
Funding Agency: MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
Award Period: 1/1/11-12/31/11
Award Amount: \$1,646,914.48 **Match:** \$674,395.88
Area Served: Citywide

Details:

The City will continue to use a balance of prevention, intervention and enforcement, building upon proven-effective strategies to strategically tackle hot-spot gang and firearm activity at two levels:

- A. Youth at-risk of becoming involved in gangs and firearm activity in hot spots
- B. Impact players involved in firearm and gang violence in hot spots

We will concentrate our efforts around the identified hot-spots that comprise the majority of the City's gang and gun violence:

- A. District B-2, Grove Hall and Uphams Corner areas of Roxbury
- B. District B-3, Blue-hill/Morton-Talbot area of Mattapan/North Dorchester
- C. District C-11, Bowdoin/Geneva/Homes Ave and Codman Square areas of Dorchester

Over the past five years, the City has built a successful collaboration balancing City, community, faith, social service and law enforcement partnerships within the community using the following elements;

Opportunity Provision:

Youth Options Unlimited Boston-providing intake, assessment, case management, alternative education and employment services.
YouthBuild

Social Intervention and Prevention Strategies:

YouthConnect, which places social workers in police stations with front line officers, understanding that many youth and families are much in need of social services
Boston Police Department Safe Street Teams
Boston Center for Youth and Families
Boston Public Health Commission
My Life My Choice Program
MissionSafe

Suppression: Strong collaboration with

Boston Police Department-Operation Homefront and Operation Nightlight
Suffolk County Sheriff's Department-Intelligence sharing
Brookline Police Department-Cross border warrant apprehension and Intelligence sharing

Community Mobilization: - getting local citizens involved and engaging community groups and coordinating function across agencies.

Ecumenical Social Action Committee (EASC)

Inquilnos Boricuas en Accion (IBA)

Safe City Collaboration

Project RIGHT

Youth Workers Alliance

Black Ministerial Alliance

MissionSAFE

Organizational Change and Development: A Safety Advisory Board Steering Committee composed of City, faith, business, community, philanthropic, and academic partners provides Shannon partners with the tools needed to carry out the core strategies and evaluates the effectiveness of the strategies. The Steering Committee also oversees the Program Director (a required position by EOPSS), who is responsible for the direction, coordination, management, technical assistance and all activities and services required by the grant.

Highlights: As of the 3rd quarter report (September 30, 2010)

- *2.4% year to date decrease of Part 1 crime within the identified hot spots*
- *Number of jobs provided through YOU Boston and other Partners through communication during summer months-188*
- *Cross Border warrant sweeps conducted and Gang Intelligence incident reports shared with BRIC-109*
- *80 Gun Arrests*
- *439 Homefront visits made*
- *26 youth contacted or serviced through Outreach Workers*
- *330 youth participating in after-school hours programs*
- *190 youth participating in educational opportunities*
- *405 youth received direct Case Management or mentoring services*
- *828 youth received direct referrals or counseling services*
- *17 new staff hired, retained, partially funded and stipend*
- *4 Steering Committee Meetings held*

Since the inception of the Shannon-funded strategy in late 2006, gun homicides have decreased by 35% (35 victims in 2009) and gun assaults have decreased by 41% (191 incidents in 2009).